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1-800-TELL-CHP Hotline to Report Suspicious Vehicle Theft Activity

(Sacramento, CA) – Today at the Sacramento Light Rail Train Station at 12th and Q Streets, California's Statewide Vehicle Theft Advisory Committee joined the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in unveiling the CHP's latest message to help law enforcement fight vehicle theft. On the side of a Sacramento light rail train you can read the message, *Report Vehicle Theft Activity by calling 1-800-TELL-CHP*. The CHP's "The H.E.A.T. is On" (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) campaign has a very important crime fighting tool - the **1-800-TELL-CHP** Hotline. "Everyone needs to get involved in order to make a difference in preventing vehicle theft," CHP Commissioner Dwight Helmick said. "And this Hotline allows you to call in and report suspicious vehicle theft activity and, remain anonymous too. This gives California's law enforcement the jump it needs in our efforts to put an end to vehicle theft."

1-800-TELL-CHP, is a toll free telephone number linked directly to the CHP Communications Center located in Fresno, California. Dispatchers are on duty, 24 hours a day, seven days a week to take calls from citizens with information about suspected vehicle theft activity. This activity can include:

- Any suspicious activity involving vehicle repairs late at night.
- Countless vehicles coming and going from one location.
- Newer model vehicles being dismantled for no apparent reason.
- Unfamiliar people suspiciously lurking around your neighborhood, parking areas, or vehicles.

The CHP wants you to call **1-800-TELL-CHP** and report this activity.

"The CHP and California's Statewide Vehicle Theft Advisory Committee wants everyone to be aware of this crime fighting tool," added Helmick. "It's estimated that one out of every 99 Californians will be a victim of vehicle theft, and we need your help to ensure this doesn't happen to you."

Remember, report suspicious vehicle theft activity by calling **1-800-TELL-CHP**. For crimes in progress, always call 911. For more information about vehicle theft prevention, contact your local CHP or law enforcement agency.

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